

Mr. Nigel Farage MEP, Leader of the United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP), explains why he believes small businesses will be better off outside of the European Union.

As any random passing economist will tell you there are no such things as solutions, only tradeoffs. Certainly, you can insist that everyone uses the same currency but then everyone has to have the same interest rate as well: precisely what has done in Spain and Ireland as that euro interest rate was set for France and Germany. You can insist that workers should lose their freedom to determine their own work life balance, ban them from working more than 48 hours a week. But when you do so you'll have to accept the higher costs faced by every business and thus a poorer country as a whole.

This concept of tradeoffs is entirely alien to the Brussels mentality. Those who now make more than 75% of our new laws refuse to face up to the fact that everything has its costs. Which is why they continue to deluge us in thousands upon thousands of new directives, regulations and restrictions each and every year. The bureaucrats and their enablers in the Parliament cannot conceive of the idea that a business has limited resources and if some are devoted to their latest pet plan then something else will not get done.

Which is, of course, why we have to leave this system, get out of the European Union. If we carry on, remain inside, then the flood of new laws will continue and there won't be a small business left in the country. The only people with the resources to tick all the boxes, pander to every bureaucrat's whims, will be the large ones. That isn't something that either you or I want to see happen which is why I urge you to vote UKIP, the only party committed to our leaving the EU.